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1. [REDACTED] number of motor rail coaches available in
the Soviet Zone of Germany on 31 October 1950

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VT cars (Trielwagen) (self-contained motor coaches).

Total 192 units
Serviceable 84 units
Under repair 49 units
On deadline 59 units
Number of passenger/km run by these cars in October
1950: 402,105.

VS cars (Steuerwagen) (multiple-unit control car).

Total 38 units
Serviceable 19 units
Under repair 3 units
On deadline 16 units
Number of passenger/km in October 1950: 104,780.

VB cars (Beiwagen) (attached cars).

Total 36 units
Serviceable 22 units
Under repair 3 units
On deadline 11 units
Number of passenger/km in October 1950: 60,352. *

2. A motor-coach train operates on the Berlin-Prague line two or three times a week, depending on the need. ** Another such train operates between Berlin and Hamburg. However, it is canceled frequently. ***

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* Comment. It is believed that this tabulation includes both Diesel-electric coaches and electric coaches operated by means of overhead lines or third rails, such as are used in the Berlin interurban railroad system. According to statistics of March 1950, there was a total of 358 serviceable and 376 damaged rail motor coaches. It is believed that most of the latter coaches have been scrapped or cannibalized.

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** Comment. This motor-coach train has been given wide newspaper publicity. 25X1

The train, which now operates daily as Fern-D Zug, Trietwagen (Long-distance motor rail coach express), has been given the official designation Train of Peace and Friendship with Czechoslovakia. The train takes six hours and ten minutes for a single trip, but this running time is to be reduced to four hours. 25X1

*** Comment. According to press reports, this motor-coach train discontinued operation on this line in late 1950. 25X1

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